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LB 498, 42, 337

have been present. Signed Senator Merz. Was not handed to me by Senator Merz. Mr. President, 498.

PRESIDENT: 498.

CLERK: Read LB 498. There are committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee to add the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I would ask for the emergency clause to be adopted. Senator Rumery...

PRESIDENT: That's your amendment?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. Record your vote. Have you voted? To clarify the rules, the question of the presence of Senator Merz is not debatable. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays Mr. President on motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Now Senator Rasmussen, is this you bill? Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I hesitate to bring in any bill as a non-controversial bill but if I'd ever had one I think this comes close to being one. There are provisions in the law that require those employees who are on the civil service for the various cities, like the fire departments and police departments and so forth. The present law says that the minimum age for hiring anybody for the fire department is 30 years of age and 35 for those who are seeking employment in the police departments. We think that this law is somewhat suspect in that it evidently is discriminatory but the federal laws do not recognize age discriminatory until after you are 40 years of age, from 40 years to 65. All this bill does is that it removes the requirement for age limitations from the statutes and leaves the local committees the power to set what standards they wish. I move the, that this bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of the bill. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced Senator Rumery. LB 42. That's off of the consent file. LB 337.

CLERK: Read LB 337. There are no committee amendments or other amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body. This is a rather simple bill. It simply increases a maximum to be paid for the weekly benefits for unemployment comp. Unemployment comp is about the most misunderstood program in government. Her testimony time after time saying that the